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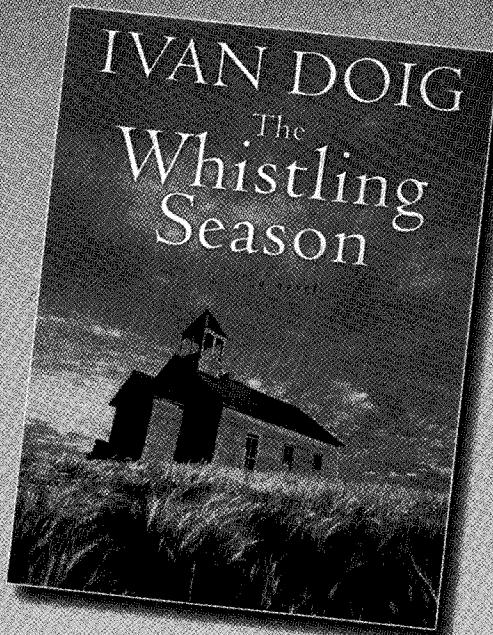
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# HIGH PLAINS BOOKFEST

# IVAN DOIG

8pm, Saturday, July 22, 2006  
Alberta Bair Theater



Reserved tickets \$15, \$10, students \$5, available at the ABT Box Office. Call 256-6052  
*The reading is sponsored in part by the Billings Gazette and the YMCA National Writer's Voice National Reading Tour.*



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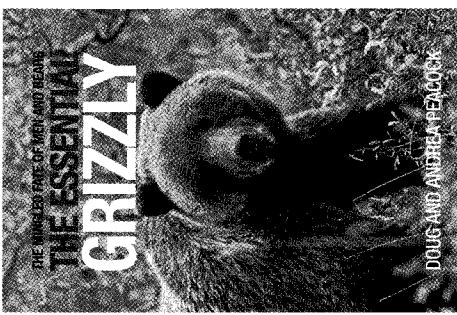
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Partners**

Ivan Doig will read from his newest novel *The Whistling Season*.

"Can't cook but doesn't bite." So begins the newspaper ad offering the services of an "A-1 housekeeper, sound morals, exceptional disposition" that draws the hungry attention of widower Oliver Milliron in 1909. *The Whistling Season* is a paean to a vanished way of life and the eccentric individuals and idiosyncratic institutions that nourish it. Doig is the author of ten previous books, including the *This House of Sky*, and the novels *Prairie Nocturne* and *Dancing at the Rascal Fair*.



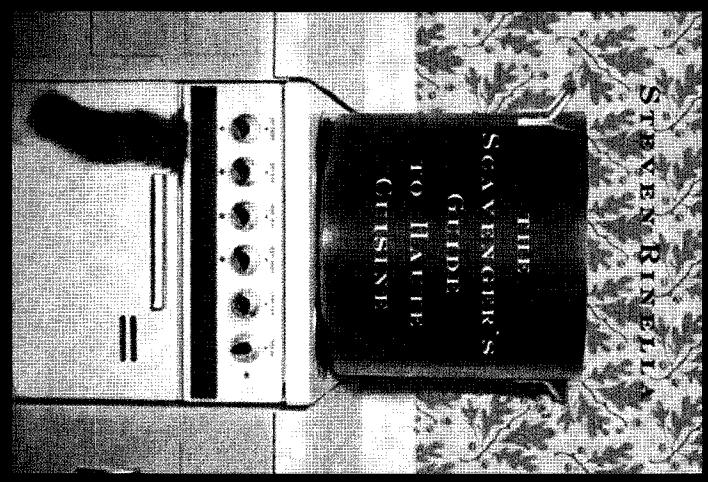
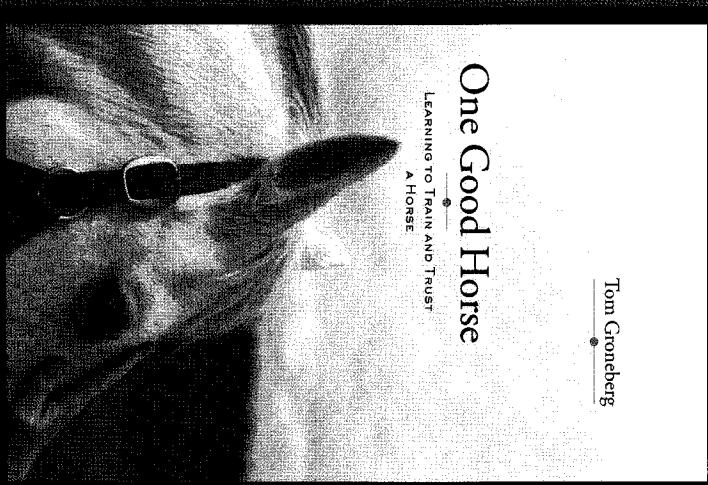
## 4TH ANNUAL HIGH PLAINS BOOKFEST

Dozens of regional writers will again converge in downtown Billings July 21-23 for the BookFest. The annual event will coincide with the Clark Days on the Yellowstone events which will feature several Lewis and Clark scholars.

Schedule at [www.downtownbillings.org](http://www.downtownbillings.org)

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# "First Thursday"



*High Country* - Thursday, March 9

*One Good Horse* - Thursday, April 6

*Scavenger's Guide* - Thursday, May 25

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**Willard Wyman** may be as well known for the legendary burro trips he leads into the magnificent back country of the West as he is for his writing and teaching. His first book, *High Country*, is an earthy and honest novel about the mule-packing culture of Montana's Swan Range and the California Sierra.

**Tom Groneberg**, author of *The Secret Life of Cowboys* – winner of the Barnes & Noble Discovery New Writers Series – has just finished his second book *One Good Horse*. At its heart, *One Good Horse* is about the power of hope, the simple story of a horse and the way people connect with nature and with each other across the generations.

**Steven Rinella**'s *The Scavenger's Guide* is about one man's quest to live off the land and recreate the recipes from Escoffier's *Le Guide Culinaire*, the 1903 magnum opus that still stands as one of the greatest cookbooks ever written. Rinella's book is a hybrid of memoir, cookbook, and travelogue, and a love song to hunting and fishing and the American wild.

Free to YMCA and Art Museum members. Tickets \$7. Books are available for sale.

The Writer's Voice seeks to foster a greater understanding and appreciation for contemporary literature of the region and to provide opportunities for open dialogue between writers and their audience. The series is supported by grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation, the Montana Arts Council and the Montana Cultural Trust.

The YMCA Writer's Voice presents  
"First Thursday"  
**An Evening of Poetry and Music**  
**with David Romtvedt**

7pm, Thursday, February 2  
Yellowstone Art Museum  
401 North 27th, Billings

SOME CHURCH

POEMS BY DAVID ROMTVEDT

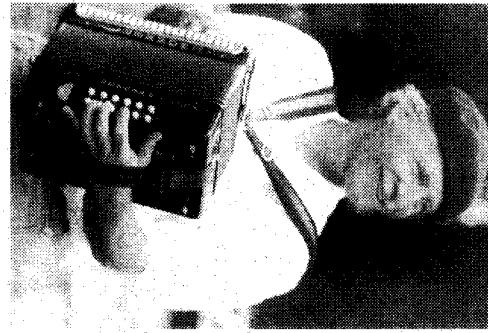
Poet Laureate of Wyoming



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**David Romtvedt** – In his new poetry collection, *Some Church*, Romtvedt defines the intersection of a person's political, social and spiritual life. Offering perspectives both intimate and expansive in nature, these poems are informed by Romtvedt's world – both the socio-political forces outside his control and by the immediate, rural landscape of his Wyoming home. Romtvedt is the author of nine books of poetry and prose. He has received two NEA fellowships, the Pushcart Prize, Academy of American Poets Prize, and the National Poetry Series Prize for *A Flower Whose Name I Do Not Know*. He was coeditor of *Deep West: A Literary Tour of Wyoming*. In addition to teaching at the University of Wyoming, he served on the Wyoming Arts Council board and plays dance music of the Americas with his band the Fireants.



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# MONTANA WOMEN WRITERS

❧ A Geography of the Heart ❧

*Edited by Caroline Patterson*

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WITH AN INTRODUCTION BY SUE HART

The YMCA Writer's Voice is pleased to present a reading by Caroline Patterson, Sue Hart, Tami Haaland, Mandy Smoker, and Melissa Kwasny, five writers from the 2006 anthology, *Montana Women Writers: A Geography of the Heart*.

**7pm, Thursday, December 7**  
**Mansfield Center, Saint Vincent Healthcare**  
The reading is free and open to the public.

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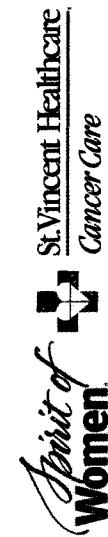
Whatever the journey - loss or longing, heartache or courage - sharing our stories is an important part of hope and healing.

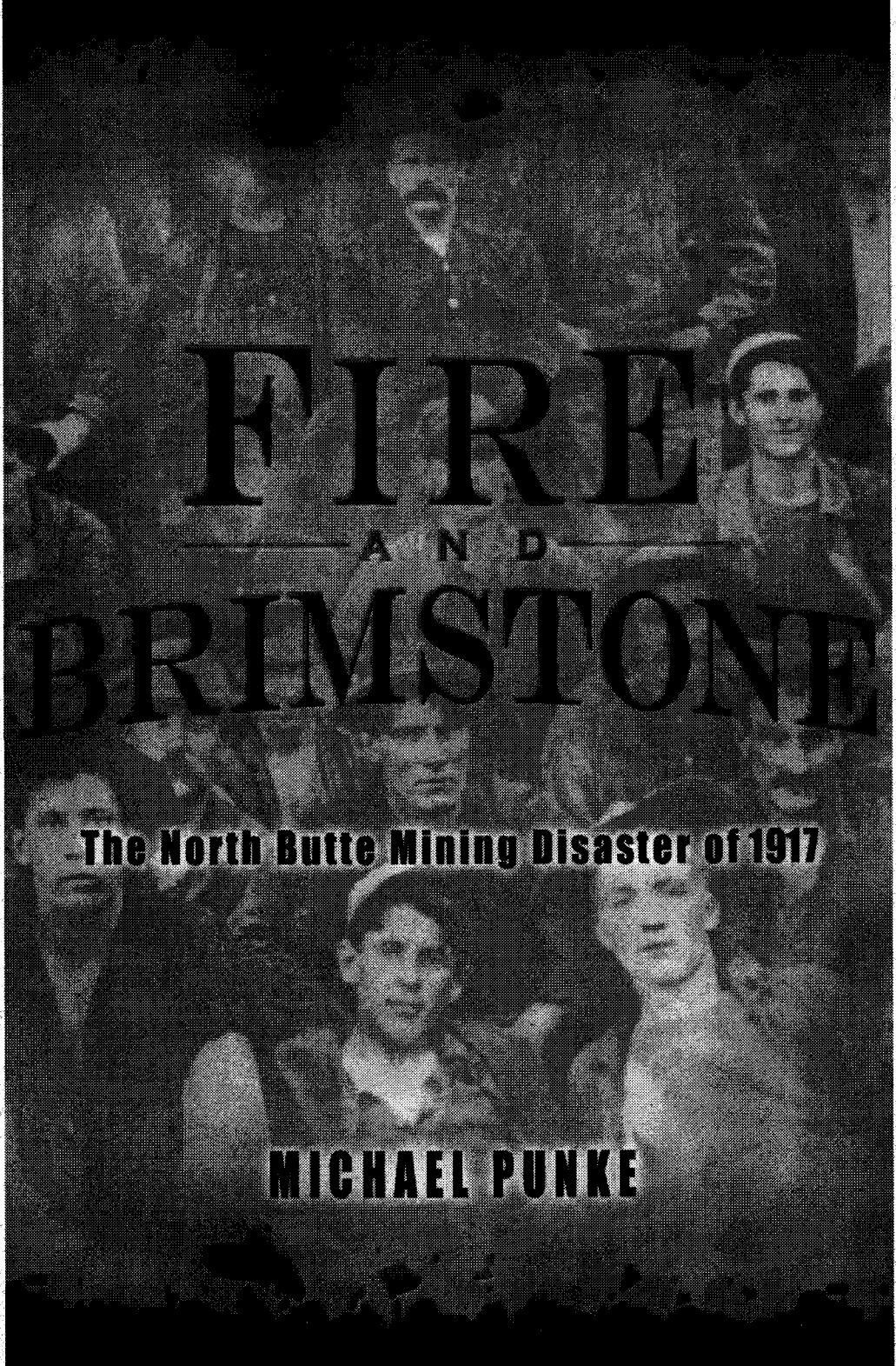
*Montana Women Writers* features forty women writers representing a spectrum of voices and perspectives—ranging from women of the 1800s to contemporary writers, from women of the plains to women in small towns. The collection includes works of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry.

The reading is a part of HOPE for the HOLIDAYS – a series of events sponsored by American Cancer Society, Hematology Oncology Center of the Northern Rockies, PC, Northern Rockies Radiation Oncology Center, Spirit of Women, SVH Cancer Care - cancer care providers committed to filling this season with hope.

**HOPE  
FOR THE  
Holidays**

*Hope for the Holidays activities are sponsored by:*





“Enlightening saga of tough men, tough times, persistent corruption and greed.”

—Kirkus Review

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## Fire and Brimstone

### *The North Butte Mining Disaster of 1917*

By Michael Punke

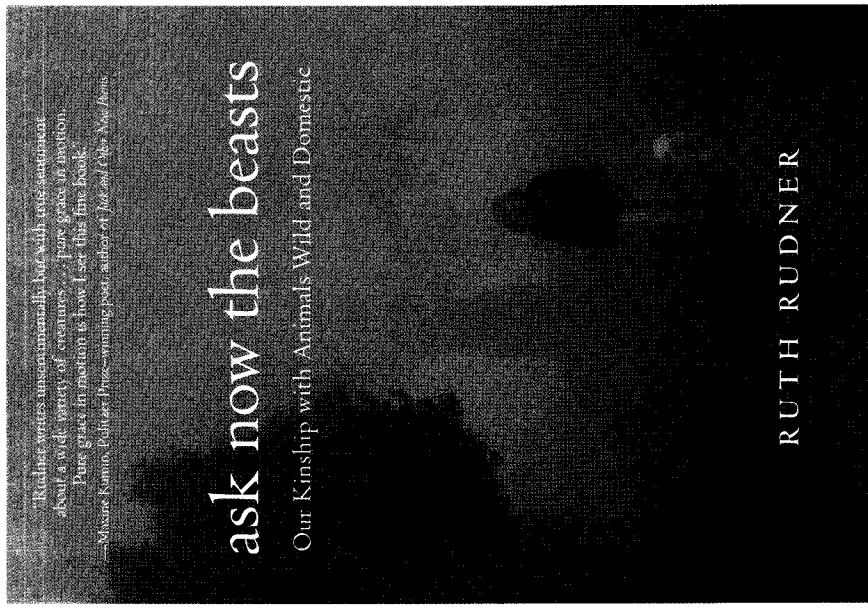
"In this compelling tale, Punke recounts the grim details of the worst hard-rock mining disaster in United States history . . . If the horrifying account of the fire and the trapped men is the heart of this yarn, its soul is Punke's historical contextualization of the event. He paints a vivid picture of a city, state, and nation in the grip of industrial monopolies." —Publishers Weekly

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7pm, Tuesday, August 8, Billings Yellowstone Art Museum, 401 North 27th	3pm, Friday, August 11, Butte Finlen Hotel, Broadway and Montana
Wednesday, August 9, Miles City 12pm, Miles City Public Library, 1 South 10th	12 – 2pm, Wednesday, August 16, Butte Books & Books, 206 W. Park St.
7pm, Custer County Arts & Heritage Center 7am- pm, Thursday, August 10, Red Lodge Red Lodge Books, 16 North Broadway	7pm, Wednesday, August 16, Bozeman Country Bookshelf, 28 West Main St.

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# **EXERCISE** your mind, **STRETCH** your imagination!



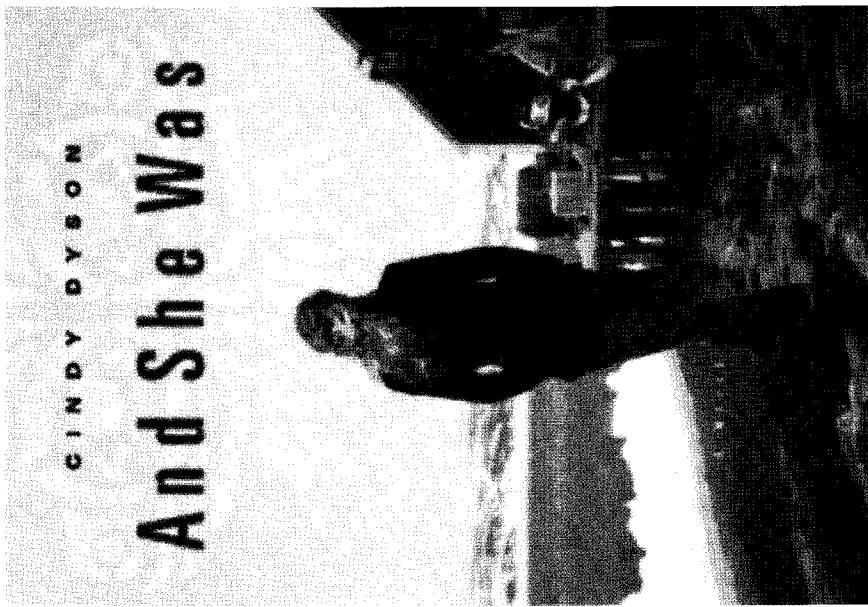
Rudner writes beautifully, but with little substance.  
A vast variety of creatures — from grizzly to zebra  
— pass grace in motion as howl set this fine book.  
—Edward Keenan, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet, author of *Island of the Nine Planets*

## ask now the beasts

Our Kinship with Animals Wild and Domestic

RUTH RUDNER

**Ruth Rudner — September 19**



CINDY DYSON

## And She Was

"...a powerful, lyrical memoir...dyson's writing is both lyrical and lyrical...she has a way with words...she has a way with words..."  
—Eduardo Kac, Poet, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet, author of *Island of the Nine Planets*

**Cindy Dyson — September 23**



Augusta Locke

a novel

William Haywood Henderson

**William Henderson — September 23**

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## Reading at the Yellowstone Art Museum, 401 North 27th, Billings, Montana

### **Ask Now the Beasts - Ruth Rudner**

**7pm, Tuesday, September 19**

"Heartwarming...Her compelling message is that because we share our planet with the animals, it's important to seek connections with them so that we may learn how to live in balance with the natural order of things."

*Publishers Weekly*

### **All She Was - Cindy Dyson**

**7pm, Tuesday, September 23**

"An impressive adult debut that focuses on a woman on the edge who finds her life eerily altered while working as a cocktail waitress in a notorious bar in Alaska's Aleutian Islands."

*Seattle Post-Intelligencer*

### **Augusta Locke - William Henderson**

**7pm, Tuesday, September 23**

"Against the enormous beauty of the American Midwest depicted in Henderson's third novel, people cast small but significant shadows while tending to families as fragile as fallen leaves."

*Publishers Weekly*

All readings are FREE to YMCA, Yellowstone Art Museum, and Writer's Voice members. Writer's Voice memberships are available

to non-Y members, call 248-1685 ext 231 for more information. Admission to the Yellowstone Art Museum is \$7.

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